

June 23, 2003

To:

RE: Recertification

As you are aware, Clark County has been approved by the State of Washington to conduct an innovative Paramedic Continuing Education Program (PCEP) to meet recertification requirements. This program has been approved in lieu of the conventional recertification requirements to ease the burden of recertification for individual Paramedics. The requirements for successful completion of PCEP include 100% participation from January 2001 through December, 2003. At least 50% physical attendance of the inservices is required, the remaining programs can be completed by viewing the video and completing an assessment tool. When the program has been completed in December of this year, I will submit each participants name to the State recommending them for recertification.

Receipt of this notice indicates you are not compliant with the attendance requirements for PCEP. Should you choose to remain non-compliant, assuming you wish to remain certified as a Paramedic, you will be required to follow the guidelines for conventional recertification. These include completion of MPD pre-approved continuing medical education (CME), 50% attendance at Clark County ALS inservices, meeting skills maintenance requirements, and successful completion of the recertification exam. For further information regarding methods and guidelines for conventional recertification please see WAC 246-976-161 & 171. Please note I will strictly adhere to the WAC's pertaining to recertification. All CME documented for recertification must be MPD pre-approved.

I have enclosed a list of PCEP training that has occurred since January, 2001 indicating the programs you need to complete to become compliant. Please contact your training department for a copy of the program and assessment tool. Once completed, please send this office a copy of the quiz.

If you have any questions contact Marc or myself.

Sincerely;

Lynn Wittwer, MD, MPD
Clark County EMS